

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT,

Philadelphia, Sept. 12th, 1888.

Hon D. M. Fox

Superintendent

Sir,

I am advised by Mr Corner Steel, that on and after tomorrow, he will need 60 melts of ingots per day, instead of 45 melts as at present. As the capacity of this Dept. is limited to the use of eleven (11) furnaces during eight hours, it will be necessary to make some change in our system of working in order to meet this increased demand. It is my wish to make this change as simple an inexpensive as possible, and I deem it my duty to advise you of the situation and to venture a suggestion as to the remedy. - One of the furnaces is usually occupied on refining metal, leaving 10 available

for melts, and five (5) melts per furnace is found to be as many as should be made consistently with good results, in the eight hours. But the early hour is now lost by the force, in getting the furnaces hot. This hour, if saved for melting purposes, would ^{I think} enable us to make six melts per furnace, and meet the requirement, and avoid the necessity of the entire force making overtime, to which I am decidedly opposed.

The suggestion I have to make is that 3 men be detailed from the force to light all the fires at 7 A.M. During this presumably temporary emergency, for which they be allowed an hour's extra pay. I am aware of the strong sentiment against overtime, in which I heartily sympathize, especially where it is in the power of the men to create the necessity. Such is not the case in this instance, and true economy would be subverted by the slight extra pay to 3 men, resulting in an additional working hour for the whole force.

Respectfully, D. J. Smith m + R.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.,

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

Sept 12 . 1888.

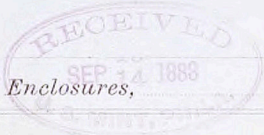
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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Melting and Refining Department,
Philadelphia,
September 12, 1888

Hon. D.M. Fox
Superintendent

Sir:

I am advised by Mr. Coiner Steel, that on and after tomorrow, he will need 60 melts of ingots per day, instead of 45 melts as at present. As the capacity of this Dept. is limited to the use of eleven (11) furnaces during eight hours, it will be necessary to make some change in our system of working in order to meet this increased demand. It is my wish to make this change as simple and inexpensive as possible, and I deem it my duty to advise you of the situation and to venture a suggestion as to the remedy. One of the furnaces is usually occupied on refinery metal, leaving 10 available for ingots, and five (5) melts per furnace is found to be as many as should be made consistently with good results, in the eight hours. But the early hour is now lost by the force, in getting the furnaces hot. This hour, if saved for melting purposes, would I think enable us to make six melts per furnace, and meet the requirements, and avoid the necessity of the entire force making overtime, to which I am decidedly averse. The suggestion I have to make is that 3 melters be detailed from the force to light all the fires at 7 a.m. during this presumably temporary emergency, for which they be allowed an hour's extra pay. I am aware of the strong sentiment against overtime, in which I heartily sympathize, especially where it is in the power of the men to create the necessity. Such is not the case in this instance, and true economy would be subserved by the slight extra pay to 3 men, resulting in an additional working hour for the whole force.

Respectfully,
D.K. Tuttle
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